

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Commission for a Drug Free Indiana**  
**Commission Meeting**  
**December 19th, 2005**  
**10:00am-2:00pm**

*Commission Members in Attendance:* Chairman John von Arx, Jeff Barber, Steve Clouse, Mike Cunegin, Sheriff Mark Frisbie, Dr. Tim Kelly, Senator Dennis Kruse, Ryan McCann, Bill McCormick, Rep. Luke Messer, Dr. Wyatt Mullinax, Paula Parker-Sawyers, Jimmy Lyons

*Commission Member Absent:* Steve Camilleri, Melissa Long, Andrea Marshall, Don Parker, Senator Earline Rogers, Representative Vernon Smith

*ICJI Staff in Attendance:* Deputy Director of Policy and Research, Jason Hutchens, Research Associate, Amanda Thornton, Director of the Drug & Crime Control Division, Steven King, Assistant Director, Sonya Cleveland, Program Assistant, Jessica Orr.

*Community Consultants in Attendance:* Monica Greer, Kim Linkel, Tim Retherford, Rebecca Smith, Janet Whitfield-Hyduk

*Other Special Guests in Attendance:* Beth Baker, St. Joseph LCC Coordinator, Jim Noffsinger, State SADD Coordinator

*Call to Order:* Chairman John von Arx called the Commission meeting to order.

*Welcome and Introductions:* Chairman John von Arx welcomed and introduced Mike Cunegin as a newly appointed member to the Governor's Commission. The Chairman asked Mike to share his background and interests in the areas of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

Mike Cunegin serves as a County Councilman for Allen County in the 1<sup>st</sup> District. Mike is employed as a Ft. Wayne police officer. He has worked with the Allen County drug court and has witnessed firsthand the negative impacts and effects drugs have on society. Mike is a part of the Executive Board for the Indiana Association of counties. He is married and has four daughters and is eager to carry out the work of the Commission.

*Approval of Minutes:* The Chairman discussed and reviewed the meeting minutes from November 16<sup>th</sup>. Paula Parker-Sawyers motioned to approve the minutes and Jeff Barber seconded the motion. All members were in favor of approval of the minutes.

*MGA Meth Summit Wrap-Up:* Steven King stated the Midwest Governor's Association Meth Summit was a success. Overall, 202 policy-makers from 13 states attended the Summit. Governor Mitch Daniels opened the first day of the Summit by introducing Director John Walters from the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy as a keynote speaker. The Governor also participated in the "Governors Roundtable" to speak on behalf of the meth epidemic that is sweeping across the Midwestern states. Charles Curie, Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) also attended and spoke on behalf of SAMHSA at the Summit.

The Miami Correctional site visit received positive feedback from all attendees. Those that visited the Correctional facility toured the site. At the site, Mothers off Meth (M.O.M.) and inmates spoke about personal experiences battling with the use and abuse of meth. Other attendees of the Summit gathered to establish environmental clean-up protocols for meth labs. The meeting was successful in establishing policy clean-up protocols.

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Steven explained the new phase of Meth Watch. Cecilia Wylie is currently developing "tamper tags" for anhydrous ammonia tanks. About 15,000 tanks will need to be tagged to alarm farmers and owners that the tank has been tampered with.

Paula Parker-Sawyers questioned whether the Public Service Announcements are available for others uses through the Partnership for a Drug-Free America. Steven King stated that the PSA's could be used by other sources and it would be beneficial in schools to run the PSA's as a prevention tool for students. Paula stated the PSA's would also be a great outreach tool for the faith-based community.

Beth Baker asked the Commission members if meth will need to be covered in the Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP) for Lake County. Chairman John von Arx stated that the Commission needs to set priorities for the CCP's and will communicate their decisions to the LCC's once they have been established. He discussed that the Governor has made meth a top priority and it will be viewed as such. Dr. Tim Kelly stated that he is glad that meth is becoming an alarming issue, but not to forget about the other drugs that cause just as much destruction to individuals and society. Mike Cunegin added that prevention is necessary in all 92 counties, and meth is a great start to begin to establish prevention. Legislatively, Representative Messer stated that meth is a recognized as a problem as being addressed. Sheriff Mark Frisbie expressed that meth is growing among the Hispanic communities and all counties need to be aware of the drug trafficking issue within their local communities.

*Indiana Meth Repository:*

The Repository will contain comprehensive information regarding any type of Meth data. Amanda Thornton stated that currently, ICJI and the Center are surveying agencies about data collection. Local, state, and Federal partners will be involved to establish collection information or problem areas for the Repository. The Center will then develop a report to finalize the findings and data collection from all agencies.

The Repository site will contain two aspects. There will be a secured site and a general public site. The secured site will be used to access protected, confidential information like the retail logs from ephedrine or pseudoephedrine sales. The general public site will be a web-based format with a link to resources and useful information regarding education, prevention, law enforcement, and treatment efforts that are taking place within the state of Indiana.

Amanda Thornton provided handouts of the presentation for reference. She will be providing Repository updates as needed at Commission meetings.

*Meth Education Briefing:*

Sheriff Mark Frisbie presented the members with a "meth" video on the production of meth. The video showed the "Red-phosphorus method" and the "Birch method." Also, Sheriff Frisbie discussed a slide show from his local county that contained hazmat materials, equipment and information involved with cleaning meth labs.

According to Sheriff Frisbie, anhydrous method is the most common method used in the production of meth within the state of Indiana. The drug has moved from lower to middle class, to middle to upper class. More college students and teens are using meth to gain more energy and as weight control. The Sheriff stated that meth is by far the most highly addictive drug ever seen.

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Representative Luke Messer announced that he will not be running for re-election, but would do what he could to help the Commission in any way possible while he is in office.

*The Commission was dismissed for a short break to gather lunch.*

Old Business:

Commission Sub-Committees:

Chairman John von Arx summarized the issues addressed by the Strategic Planning Subcommittee meeting by stating the need to improve the communication to all Local Coordinating Councils.

Strategic Planning Subcommittee:

- ❖ The Strategic Planning Subcommittee will encourage best practices
- ❖ Regions that need additional assistance (technical, administrative, infrastructure) will be identified
- ❖ The Strategic Planning Subcommittee, in the future, may require a needs assessment for each county by observing local problems

Legislative Subcommittee:

- ❖ Summaries of legislation suggestions will be sent to all Commission members via email
- ❖ Silvia Miller will be the “eyes and the ears” of legislation that will effect the Commission as well as ICJI

Operations Subcommittee:

- ❖ Subcommittee has not met
- ❖ The Operations Subcommittee will be required to develop a financial report to update the Commission

Youth Subcommittee:

- ❖ Subcommittee has not met

Communications Subcommittee:

- ❖ Subcommittee has not met
- ❖ The Communications Subcommittee will be tasked with working with ICJI to develop an interactive website

SPF-SIG Report:

Sheriff Mark Frisbie briefed the Commission on the SAMHSA, Strategic Planning Framework, State Incentive Grant. The Grant will contain the following components:

- ❖ Massive data collections in all encompassing areas of research
- ❖ Identify the risk factors for all drugs- including meth
- ❖ Establish evidence-based programs
- ❖ Focus on top risk indicators to develop the strategic plan for the state
- ❖ The Epidemiological work group is being established. Jason Hutchens will act as the interim chair to get the group started
- ❖ The SPF-SIG is a 5 year grant, and currently, is in the first year

New Business:

Jay County submitted their CCP Update and was given to all Commission members to observe the new template's design.

LaPorte County requested to move their CCP Update to April. Sheriff Frisbie motioned to approve the April timeframe and Mike Cunegin seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the date extension.

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Madison County requested a 30 day extension on their Comprehensive Community Plan Update. Paula Parker-Sawyers motioned to approve the 30 day extension and Sheriff Frisbie seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the 30 day extension.

*Ideas and Concepts for Next Meeting:*

- ❖ Subcommittee updates

*Meeting Adjourned*

*Next Meeting: January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005*